



# Gem-A

THE GEMMOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION  
OF GREAT BRITAIN

## Get closer to the source and venture to Idar-Oberstein



13 June – 20 June 2015

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# Information

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Following on from the outstanding success of the visit to Idar-Oberstein in June 2014, Gem-A, in collaboration with Deborah Mazza FGA, have organized another fantastic trip to the centre of the lapidary world, from 13 June – 20 June 2015.

## Activities

Gem-A will take you 'closer to the source', allowing you a unique opportunity to visit museums, mines, the German Gemmological Association, lapidaries and much more. Through industry contacts and friends of Gem-A we are able to give you access to unique sights, insights and opportunities in Idar-Oberstein that an ordinary visitor would never see.

During the week-long trip you will visit the Edelsteinminen Steinkaulenberg, Kupferbergwerk in Fischbach, DGemG, Schneider gem tools, Deutsches Mineralienmuseum and Historische Weiherschleife, whilst also getting the chance to sample the very best of German small-town culture, with a chance to visit various lapidaries and gem workshops.

The trip is limited to 16 people and anyone can apply. Members of Gem-A, NAG, BJA and the GIA Alumni Association (London chapter) all receive a special rate.

## Idar-Oberstein

As one of the best-known cutting centres for gems in Europe, Idar-Oberstein has a long history in the gem trade, spanning well over a century. The small German town has stood as a European centre for superior technologies in the chemical process of dyeing agates and other gemstones, and it may come as no surprise that by the early twentieth-century Idar-Oberstein counted 150 cutting shops, making anything from agate goblets to beads.

Today Idar-Oberstein has opened up its doors to world gem traders, making itself a European hub for gem dealers around the globe and the birthplace of some of the most talented cutters and designers of the twenty-first century.

# Itinerary and price

## Itinerary\*

	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Afternoon</b>	<b>Dinner</b>
<b>Saturday 13 June</b>	Travel to Germany			Dinner in hotel
<b>Sunday 14 June</b>	Visit to Edelsteinminen Steinkaulenberg	Lunch in Idar	Visit to Deutsches Edelsteinmuseum	Dinner
<b>Monday 15 June</b>	Visit to DGemG	Lunch	Visit to Schneider gem tools	Dinner
<b>Tuesday 16 June</b>	Visit to Kupferberg- werk in Fischbach	Lunch in Globus	Visit to Forschungsinstitut für mineralische und metallische Werkstoffe	Dinner
<b>Wednesday 17 June</b>	Visit to Deutsches Mineralienmuseum	Lunch in Oberstein	Free time to explore Oberstein	Dinner
<b>Thursday 18 June</b>	Visit to Historische Weiher Schleife	Lunch	Visit to various lapidaries such as Erwin Pauly, Manfred Wild, Wild & Petsch and Groh & Ripp	Dinner
<b>Friday 19 June</b>	Visit to the Jakob Bengel house	Lunch	Visit to Atelier Munsteiner or Reischauer gold refinery	Dinner
<b>Saturday 20 June</b>	Travel back to UK			

## Price

The price includes:

- ⊙ Coach from Ely Place to the hotel in Germany
- ⊙ 7 nights accommodation at the hotel (single or twin room)
- ⊙ Breakfast and dinner every day
- ⊙ Entry to museums, institutes and field trips

	<b>Single room</b> (1 person)	<b>Twin room**</b> (2 people)
<b>Member</b> (Gem-A, NAG, BJA and GIA Alumni Association)	£1,755	£1,545
<b>Non-member</b>	£2,045	£1,795

*All prices quoted are per person*

\* Please note that this is a preliminary timetable based on the 2014 excursion, therefore the days on which these visits occur may be subject to change.

\*\* Those booking a twin room must stipulate at the time of booking the second person sharing the room.

# Booking form

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## Contact details

Gem-A Membership/Student No. (if applicable): ..... Title: .....

First name(s): ..... Surname: .....

Address (no PO Box numbers please): .....

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Town: ..... County/State: .....

Post code/Zip code: ..... Country: .....

Mobile: ..... Home telephone: .....

Email: .....

**We would like to add you to the Gem-A mailing list to keep you informed of our upcoming workshops, lab classes and shop offers.** If you do not want to be added to our mailing list, please tick this box

## Payment options

**I am paying by bank transfer/cheque/credit card (please circle)**

### Credit card information:

**Card No.:**

**Start date:** **Expiry date:**   
**(MM/YY)** **/(MM/YY)**

**Sec. No.:** **Issue No.:**

**Name on card:**

**Cardholder's signature:**

### Bank transfer details:

**Account name:** Gemmological Association **Account No.:** 60380873

**IBAN:** GB82 BARC 2037 7560 3808 73 **Sort Code:** 20-37-75

**SWIFT:** BARCGB22

### Notes on payments:

- Please note we only accept Visa or MasterCard.
- Cheques and bank drafts must be drawn on a British bank and made payable to Gem-A.
- Cancellation policy: In the event that the trip is cancelled by Gem-A all payment will be refunded. In the event that you wish to cancel your place no refunds will be given.